

# Novel probes of Higgs couplings to light SM quarks

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Based on 2008.12538 (w. Aguilar-Saavedra & Cano)

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“Higgs flavour”



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# Leptons:

## ○ Recent ATLAS & CMS evidence of Higgs coupling to muons



CMS-HIG-19-006



CERN-EP-2020-164  
2020/09/10

Evidence for Higgs boson decay to a pair of muons

The CMS Collaboration\*

[2009.04363](#)

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**A search for the dimuon decay of the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector**

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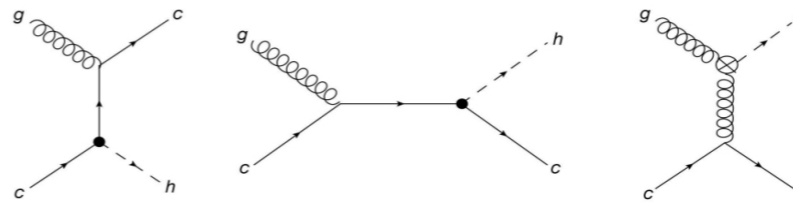
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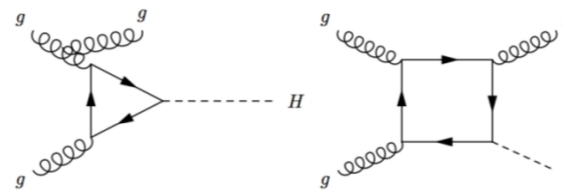
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(requires charm-jet tagging)

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(light quark in gluon fusion loop)

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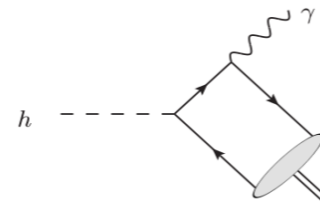
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All these needed?  
Why look for new strategies?



**Complementarity**

“Different probes sensitive to different sets of couplings / EFT operators”

# New strategies to constrain Higgs Yukawas @ LHC

## ① Higgs + photon production

*Aguilar-Saavedra, Cano, No. 2008.12538*

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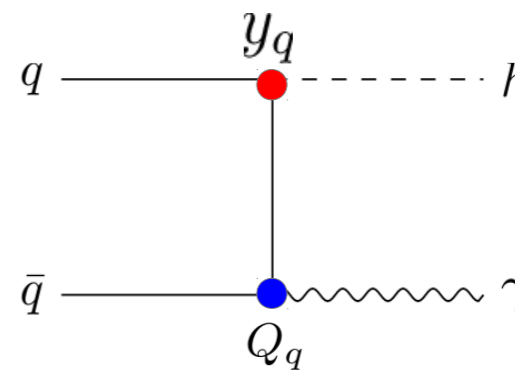
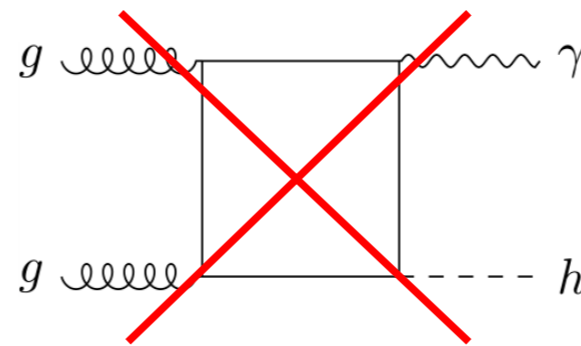
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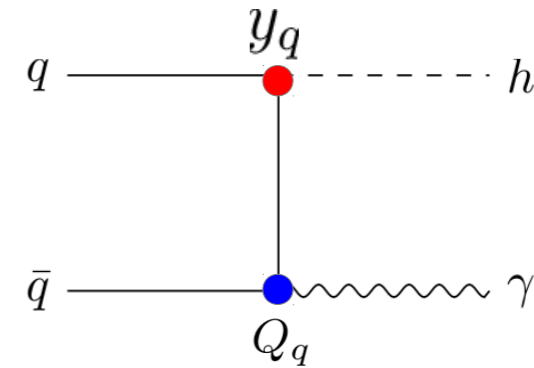
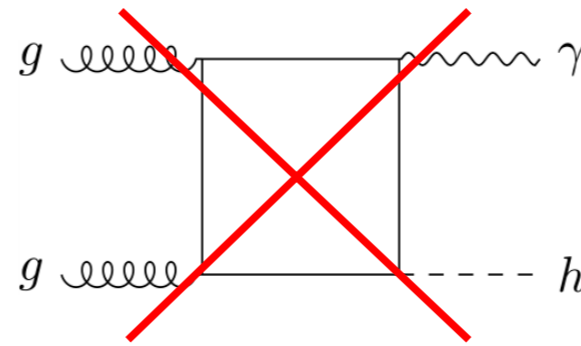
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$\Rightarrow (Q_u/Q_d)^2 = 4 \rightarrow$  more sensitive to up-type quark Yukawa deviations

$\Rightarrow$  SM cross section small, enhanced for BSM Higgs Yukawas:  $\kappa_q > 1$

(e.g.  $\sigma_{u\bar{u}} = 1.3 \text{ fb}$  for  $y_u(m_h) \sim y_c^{\text{SM}}(m_h)$ )

$$\kappa_q = y_q(m_h)/y_q^{\text{SM}}(m_h)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Most promising final state:  $h \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$

(Clean + sufficient XS)

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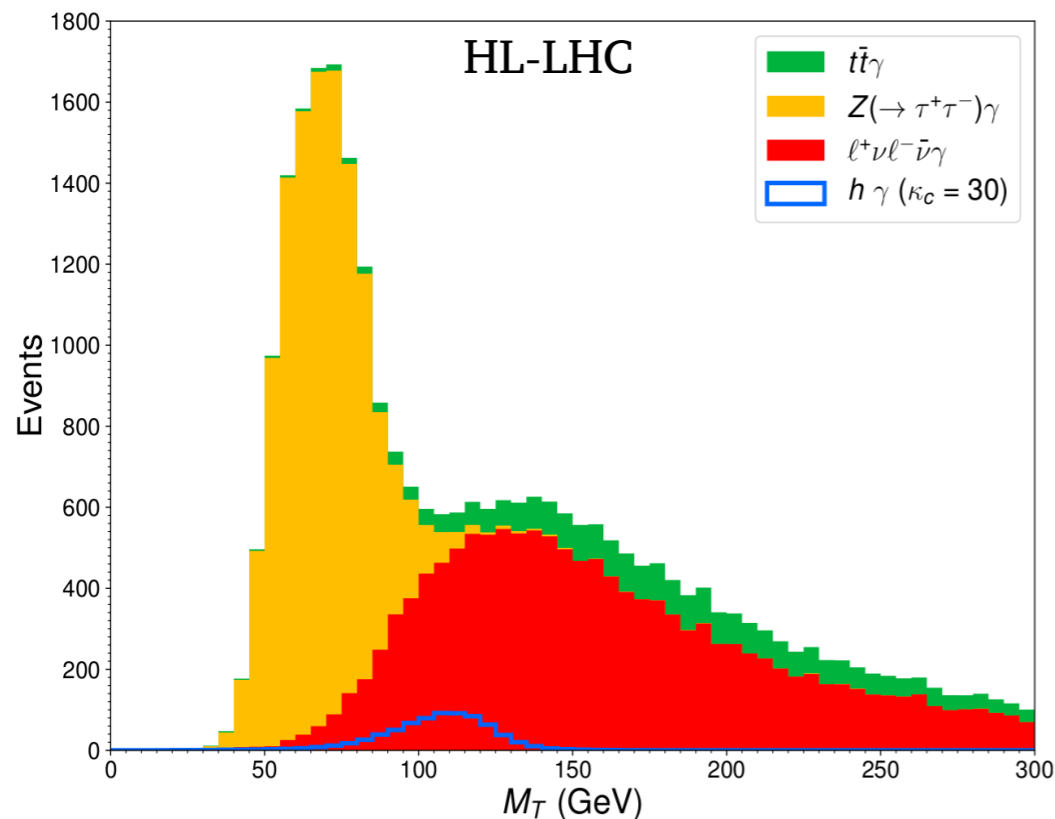
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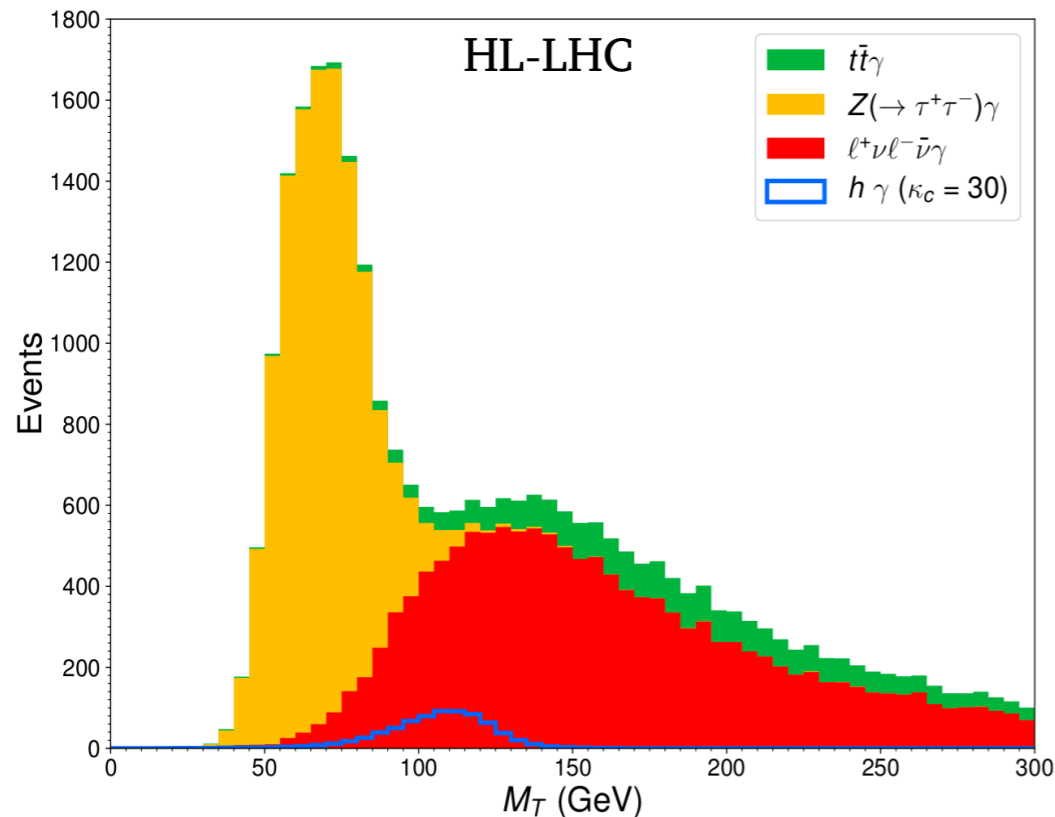
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Kinematically rich final state

$$M_T, M_{\ell\ell}, M_{\ell\ell\gamma}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell_1}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell_2}, \vec{p}_T^\gamma, \cancel{E}_T, \Delta\phi^{\ell\ell}, \Delta\phi^{\ell_1\gamma}, \Delta\phi^{\ell_2\gamma}, \Delta\eta^{\ell\ell}, \eta^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_2}, \eta^\gamma$$

**Strong correlations** among variables

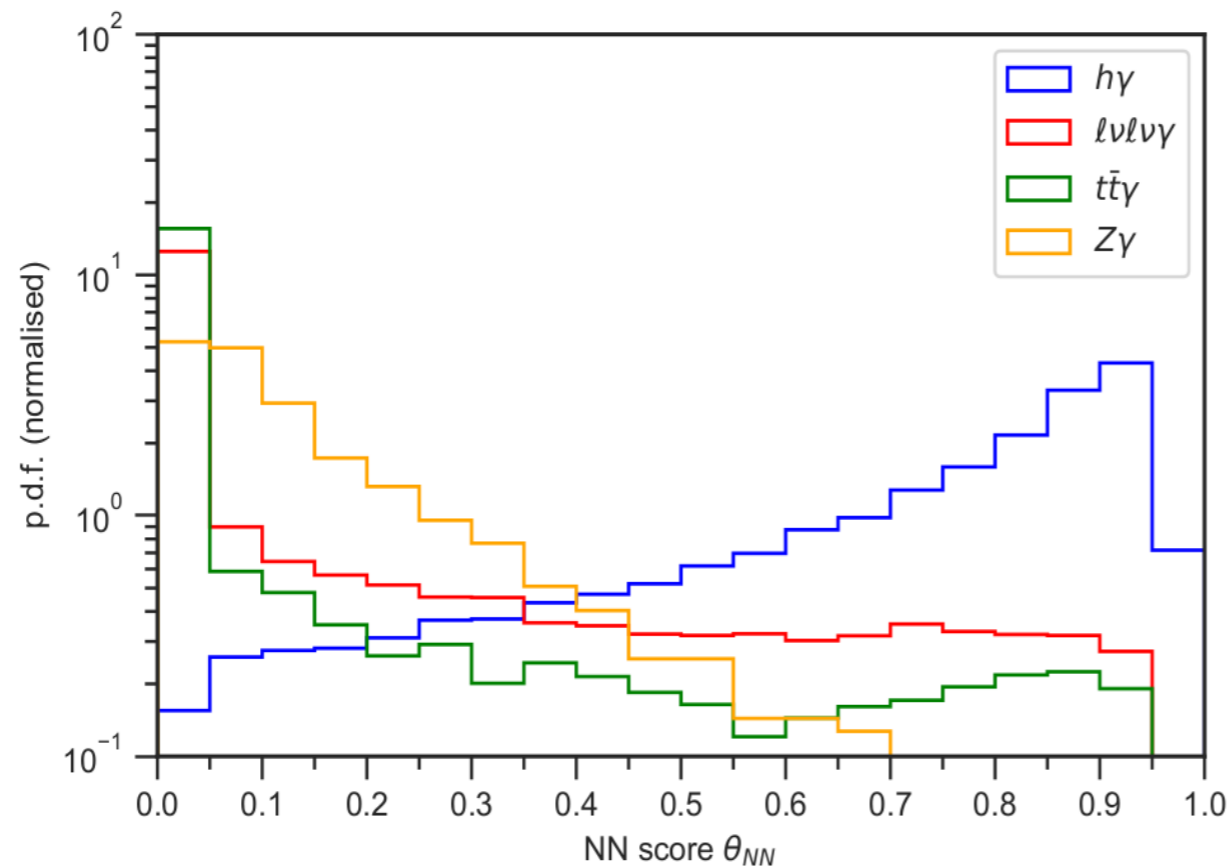
**Multivariate analysis** significantly increases cut-&-count sensitivity

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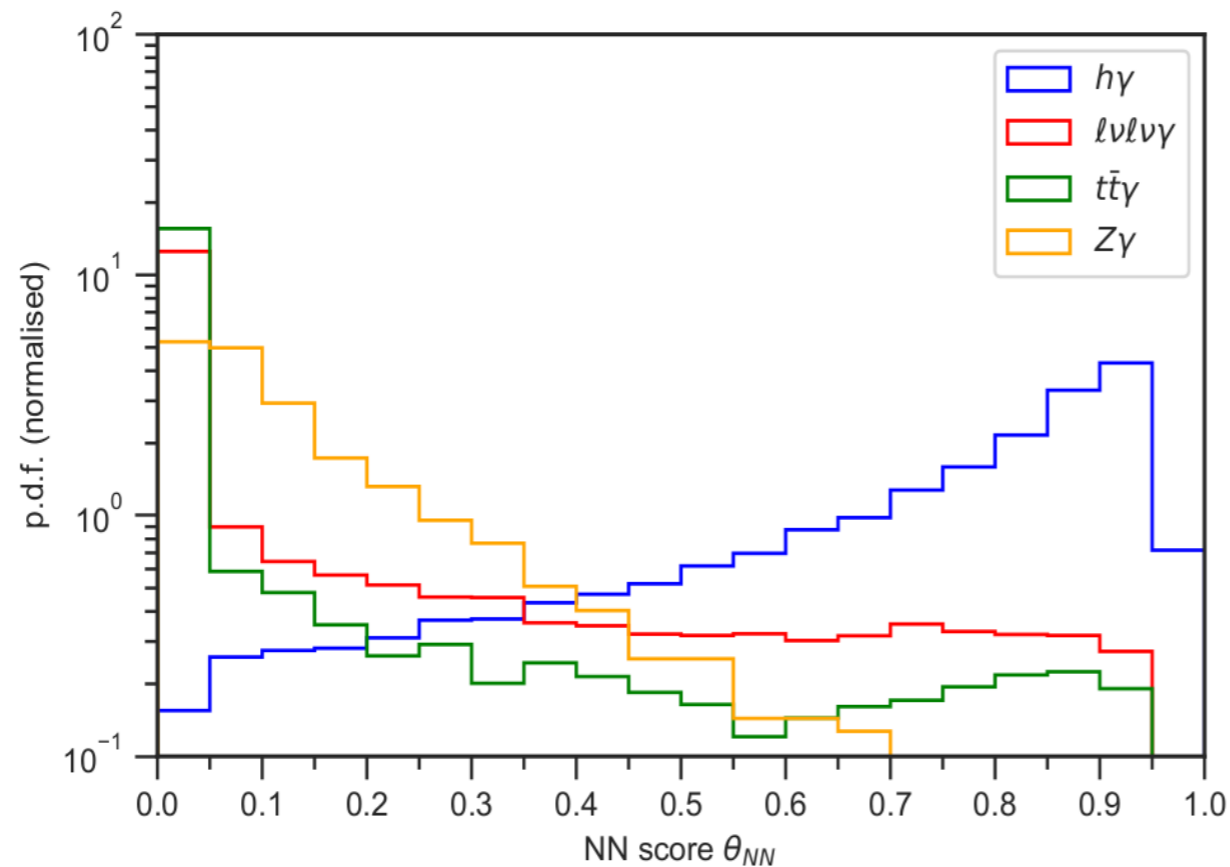
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Possible to look for  $h + \gamma$  in other final states?

Besides its Yukawa sensitivity,  $h + \gamma$  interesting in its own right:  
Unobserved Higgs production mode!

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Triple massive gauge boson production recently observed for the first time @ LHC!



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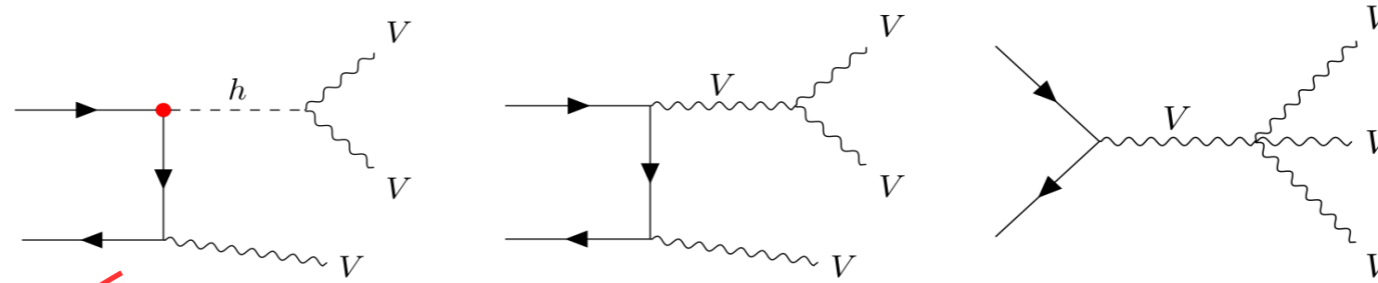
Topics

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## Triple threat: The first observation of three massive gauge bosons produced in proton-proton collisions

by Ingrid Fadelli , Phys.org

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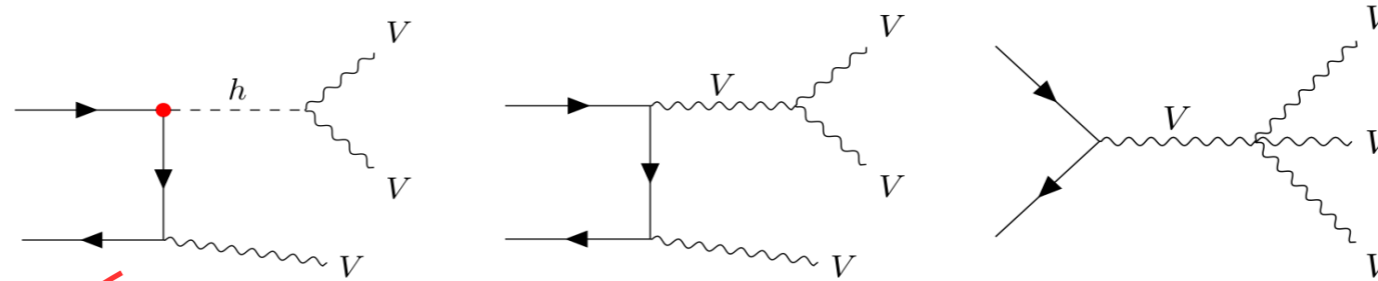


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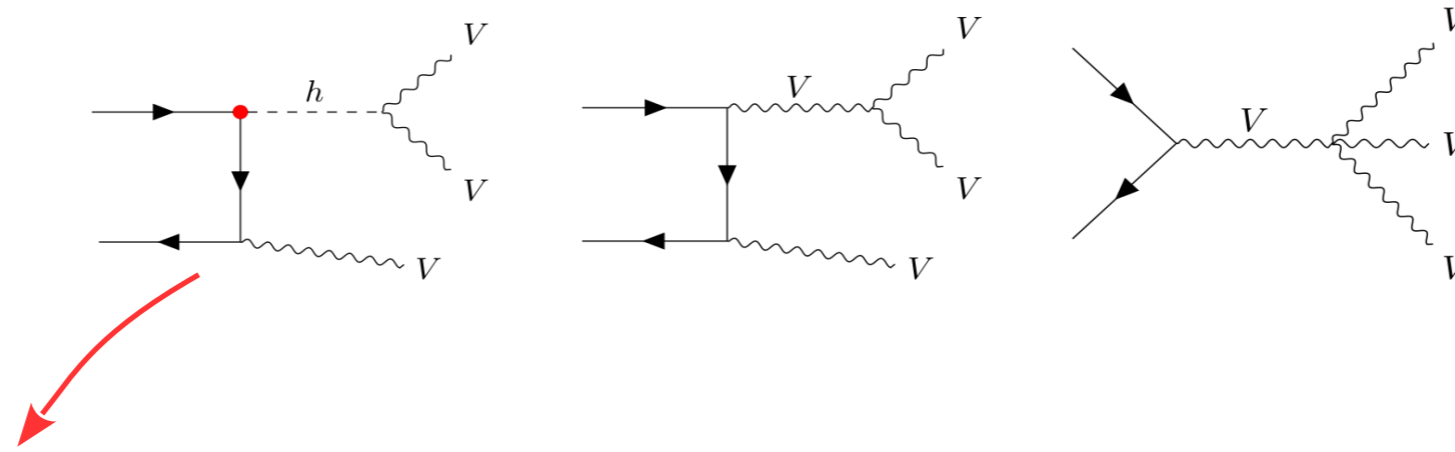
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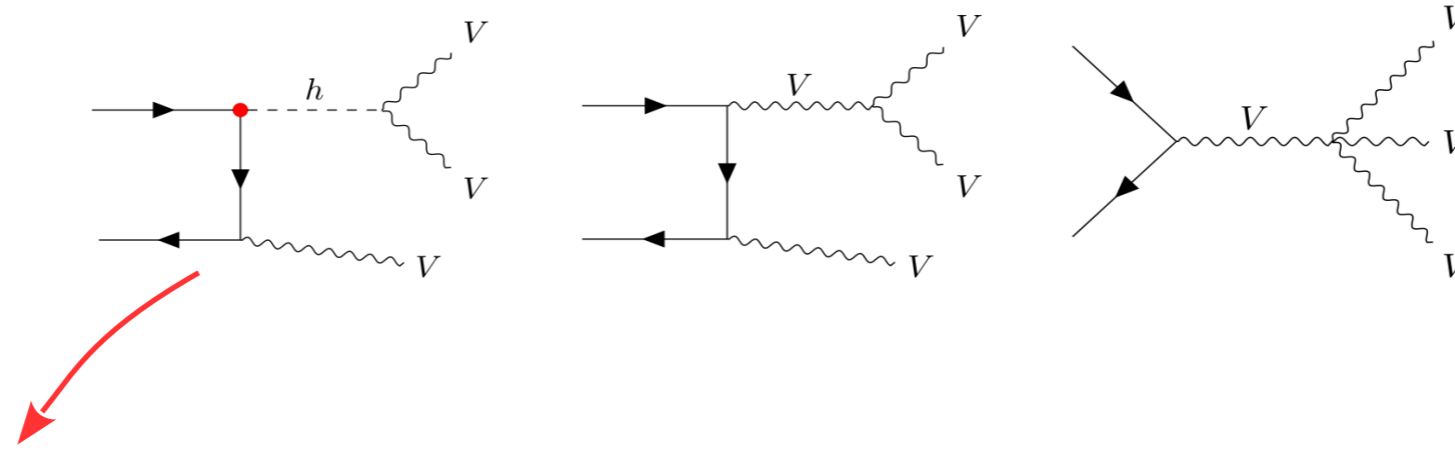
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⇒ We focus on  $u, d, s$

⇒ For  $q = c, t$ ,  $pp \rightarrow WWqj$  more sensitive

*Brooijmans, Buckley, Caron, Falkowski, Fuks, Gilbert, Murray, Nardecchia, No, Torre, You, Zevi della Porta. PhysTeV 2019. New Physics WG, 2002.12220 (Contribution 12)*

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Relation between mass and Yukawa after EWSB:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{h}{v} \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q (1 + \delta y_q) \bar{q} q$$

$$\delta y_q = -\frac{Y_q}{y_q^{\text{SM}}}$$

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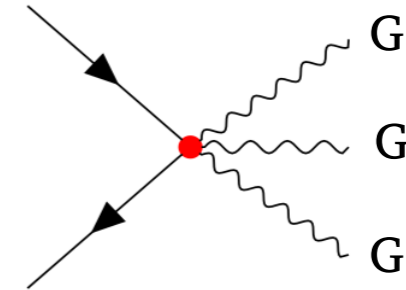
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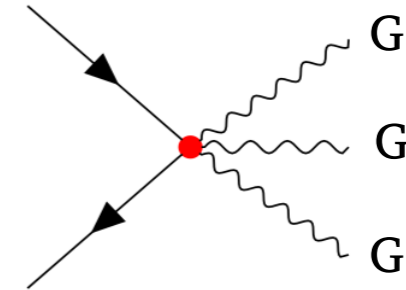
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**Leading contribution**

(other tree-level diagrams more suppressed from extra internal propagators)

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$$\sigma(q\bar{q} \rightarrow G_z G_+ G_-) = (y_q^{\text{SM}} \delta y_q)^2 I(\hat{s})$$

$$\sigma(q\bar{q} \rightarrow 3G_z) = \frac{3}{2} (y_q^{\text{SM}} \delta y_q)^2 I(\hat{s})$$

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$$I(\hat{s}) \equiv \frac{\hat{s}}{6144\pi^3 v^4}$$

c.o.m. energy of partonic collision ( $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$ )

$E^2$  growth of partonic cross section

- For **charged** ( $\pm 1$ ) final states ( $W^\pm W^\pm W^\mp, W^\pm ZZ$ )  
**same** cross section enhancement for  $\delta y_u$  and  $\delta y_d$
- For **neutral** final states ( $ZW^+W^-, ZZZ$ )  
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**Break degeneracies combining several tri-boson channels**

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$$\delta y_d \lesssim 6800$$



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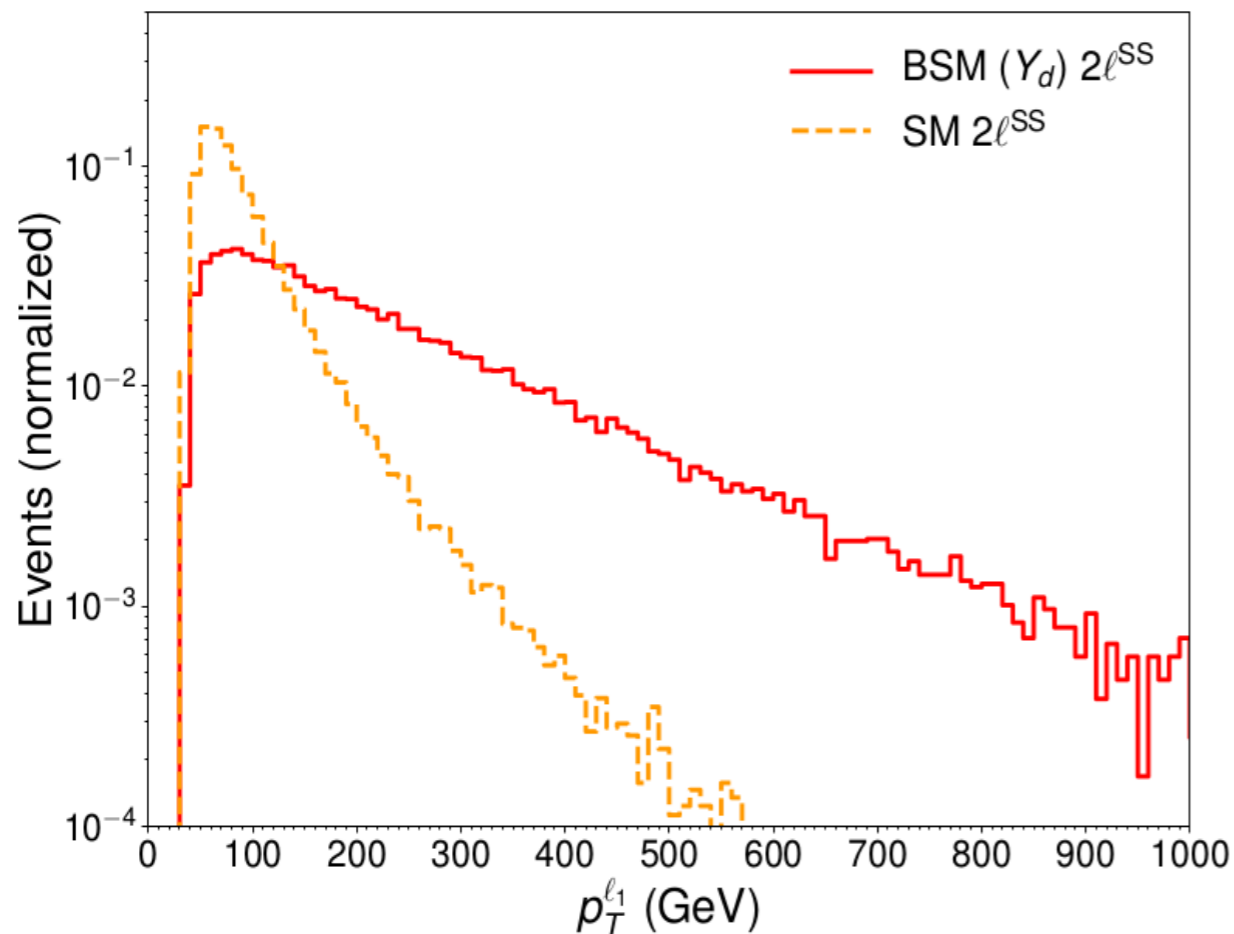
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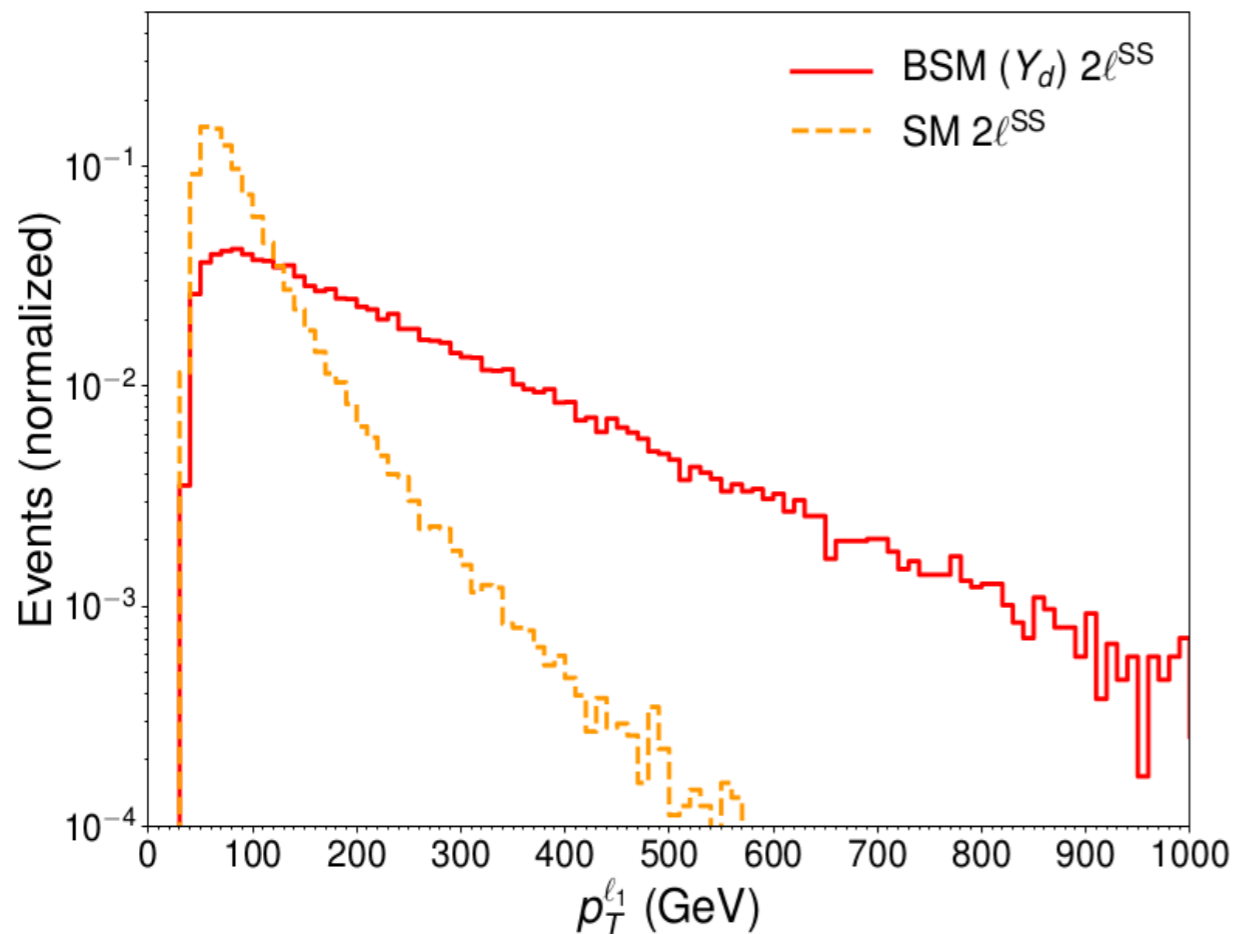
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### BSM much harder kinematics than SM

Improved selection cuts:

$$p_T^{\ell_{1,2}} > 60 \text{ GeV}, \quad E_T^{\text{miss}} > 120 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{jj} > 120 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\Delta\eta(\ell_1, \ell_2)| < 2$$

+ binned likelihood analysis:

$$\delta y_d \lesssim 430 \text{ (HL-LHC)}$$

$$\delta y_u \lesssim 850 \text{ (HL-LHC)}$$

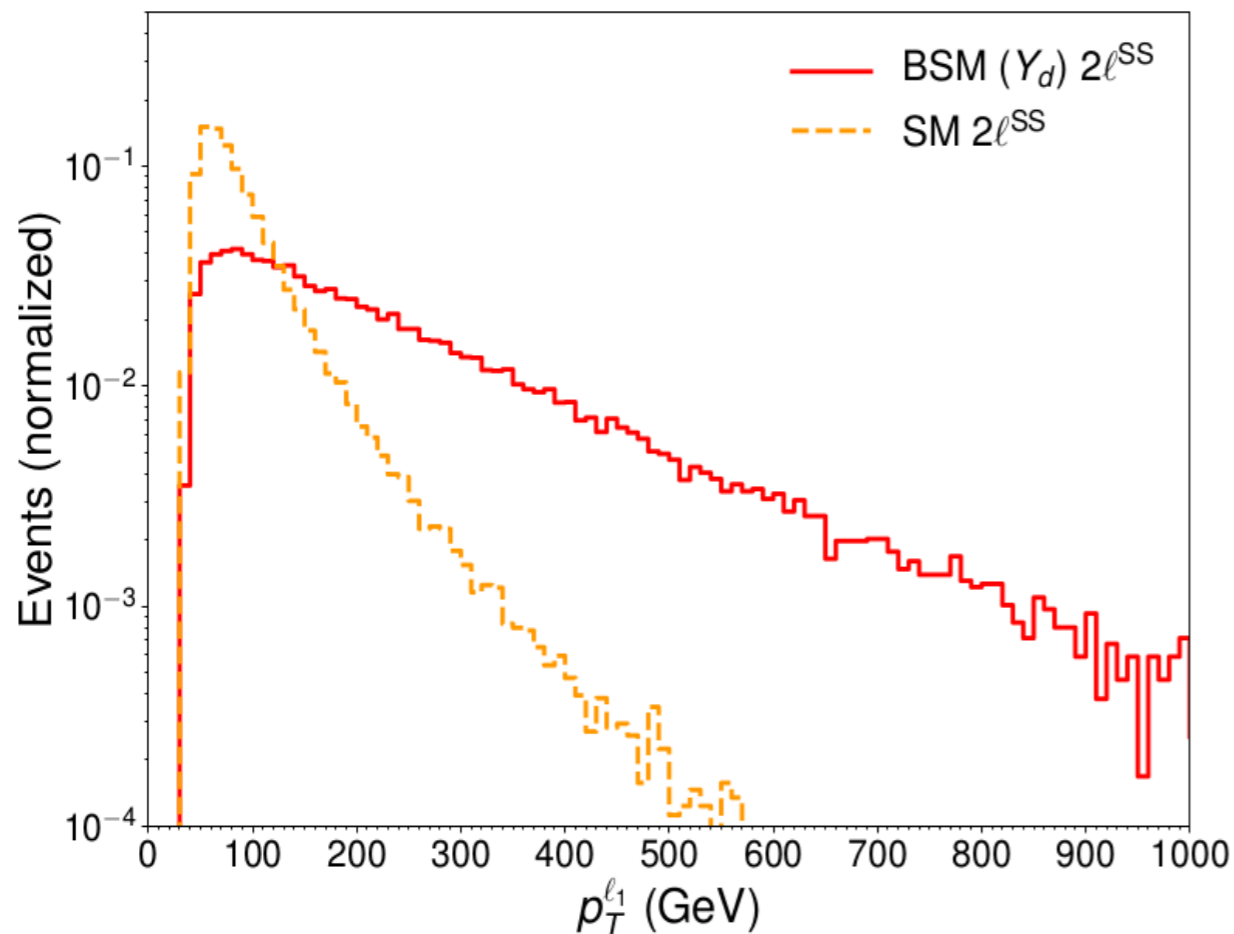
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### BSM much harder kinematics than SM

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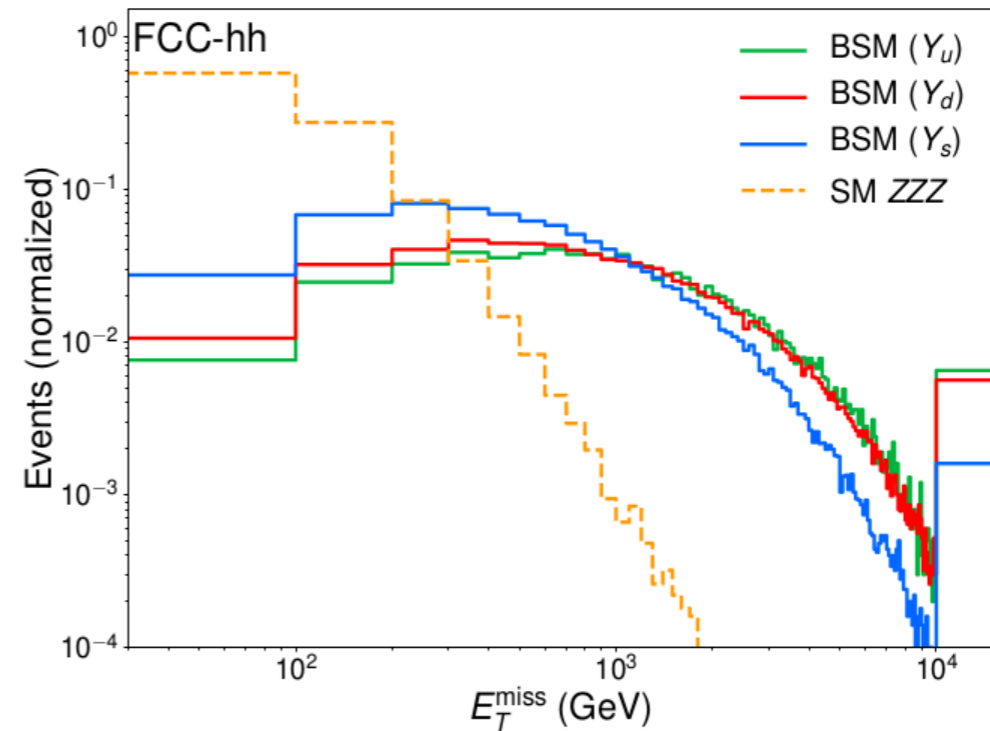
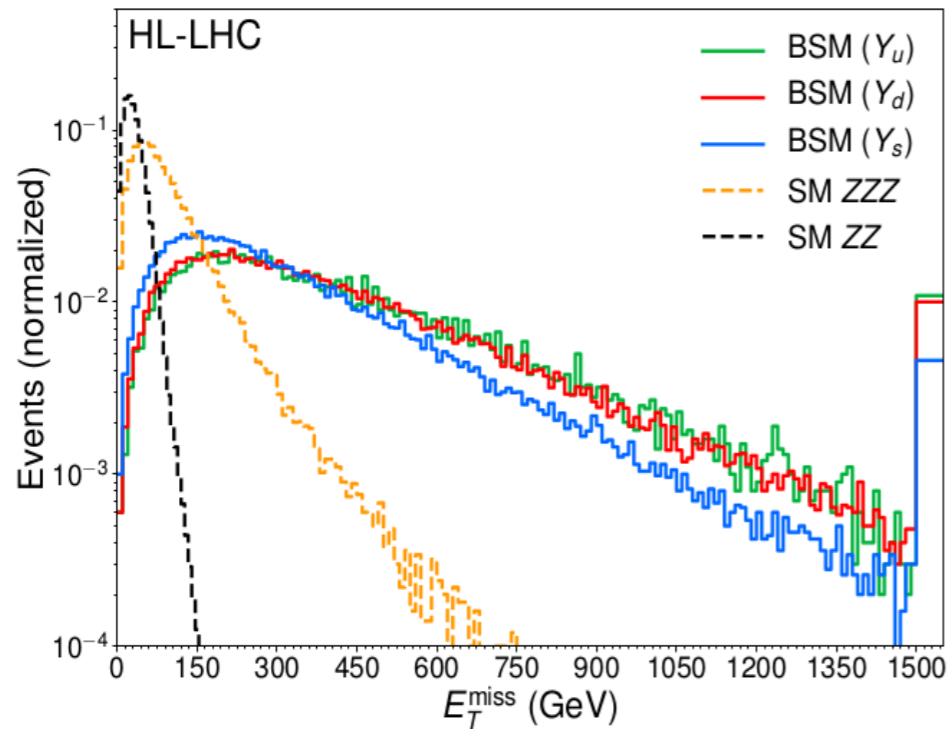
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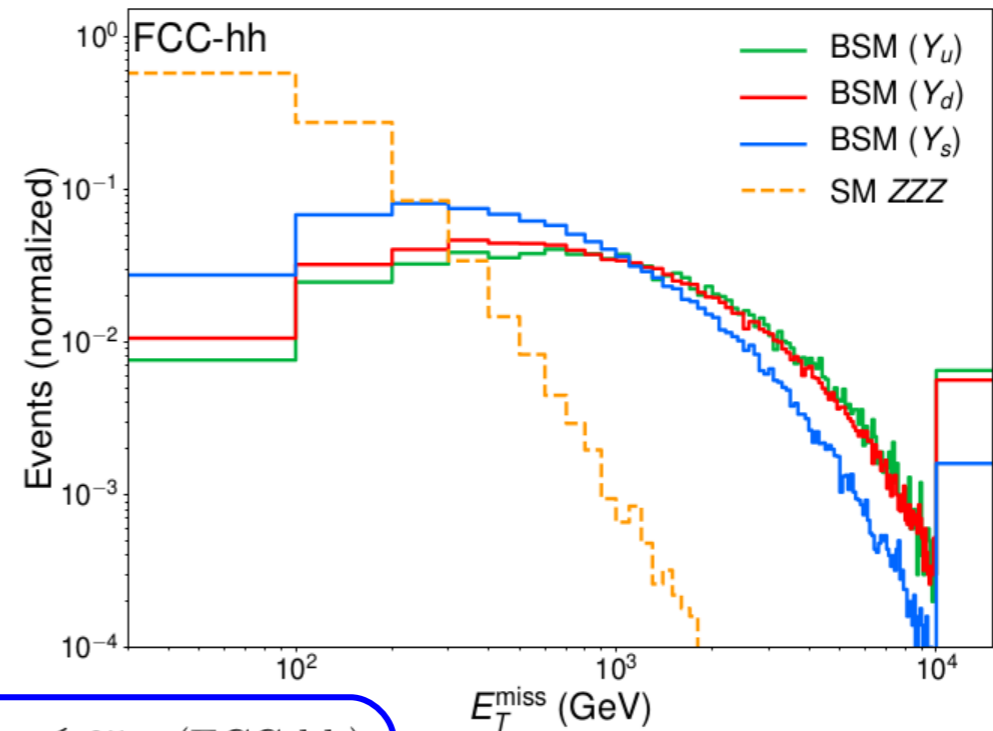
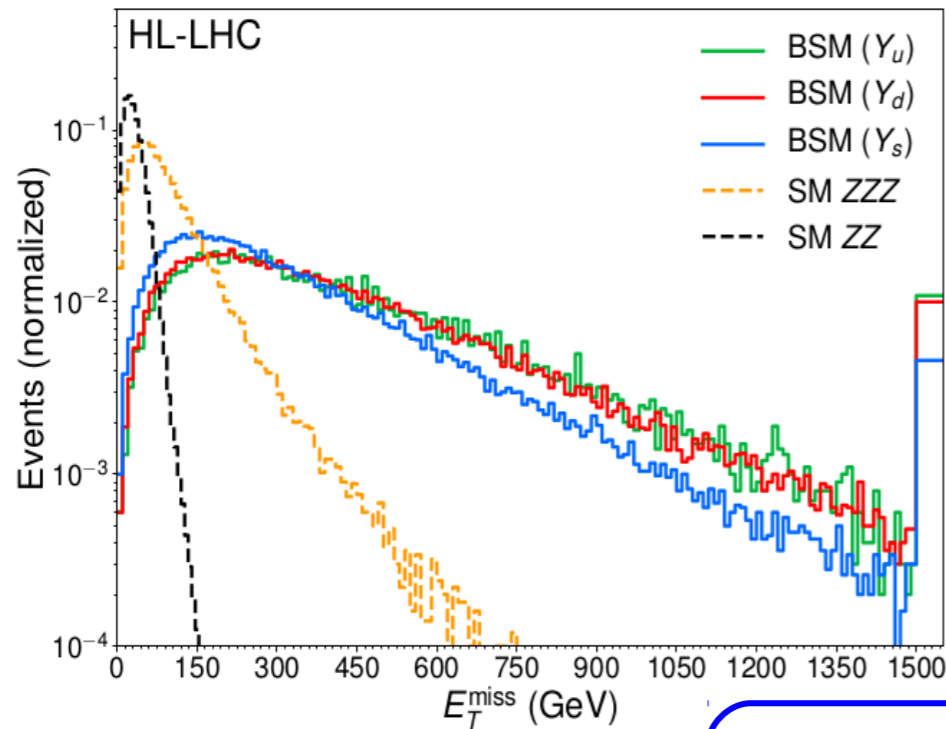
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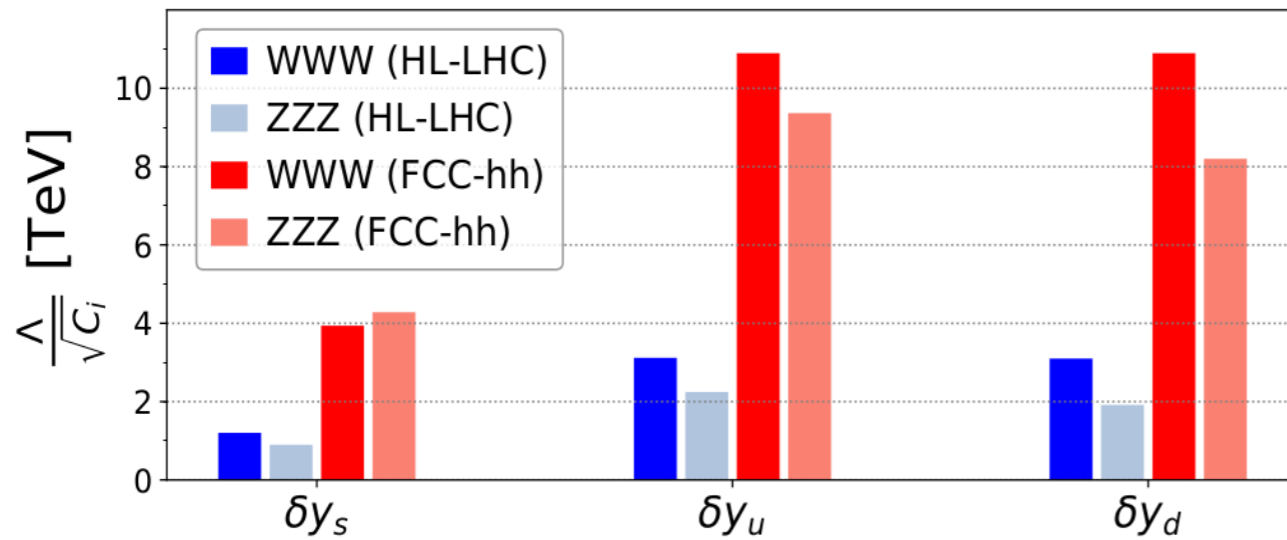
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# Sensitivity Summary HL-LHC (FCC-hh)

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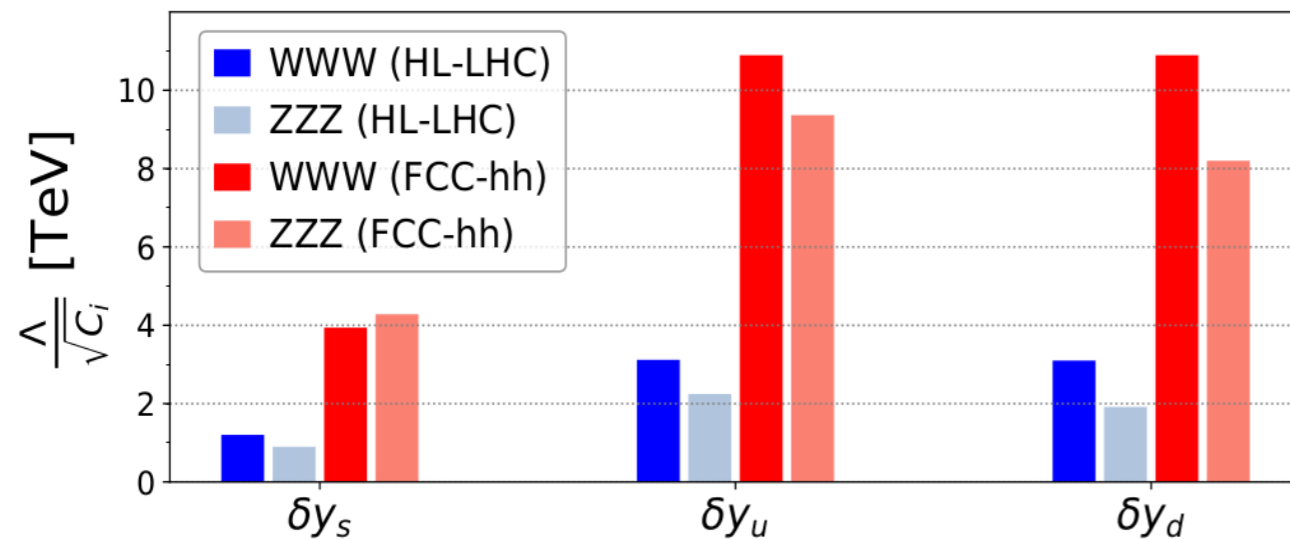
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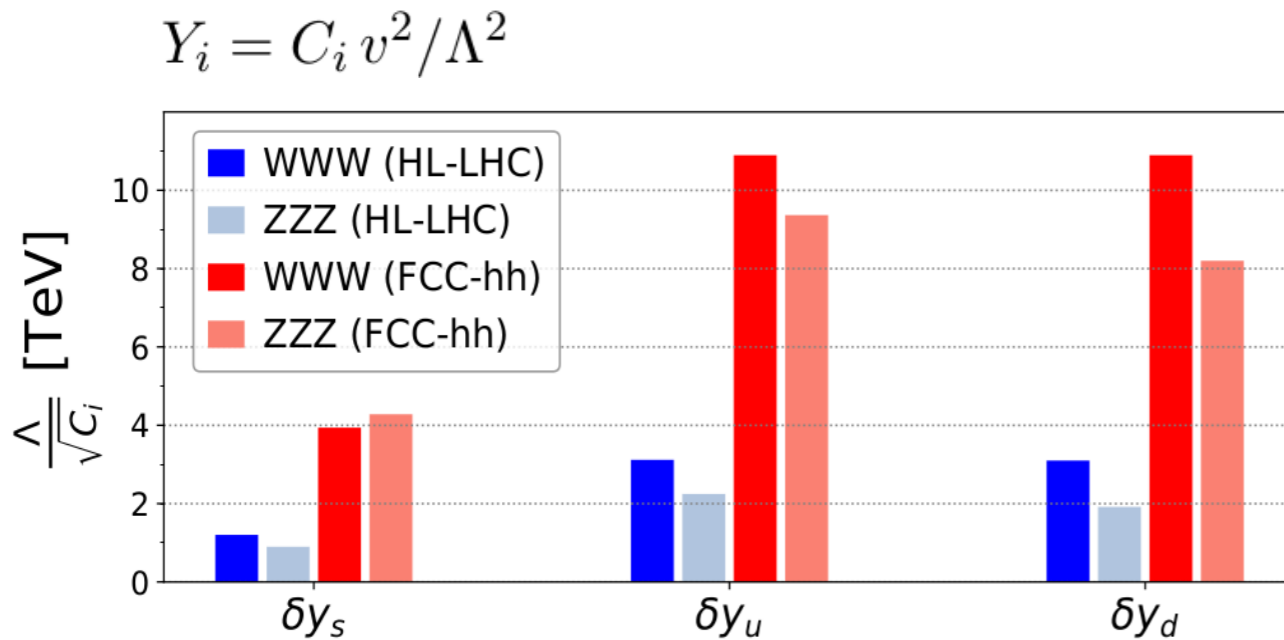
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**Complementarity among probes**

$[h\gamma]$ ,  $[VVV]$ ,  $[h+j]$  ( $ggf$ ),  $[hh]$ ,  $[h \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma]$  ...



**Thank you!**



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$$pp \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm W^\mp \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm \nu \nu jj$$

$$\sigma(Y_d) = 7.5 \text{ fb} + Y_d^2 \times 205 \text{ fb}$$

Large BSM cross section enhancement

Limits – No Reducible Bck

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These projected limits get very little affected by reducible SM backgrounds:

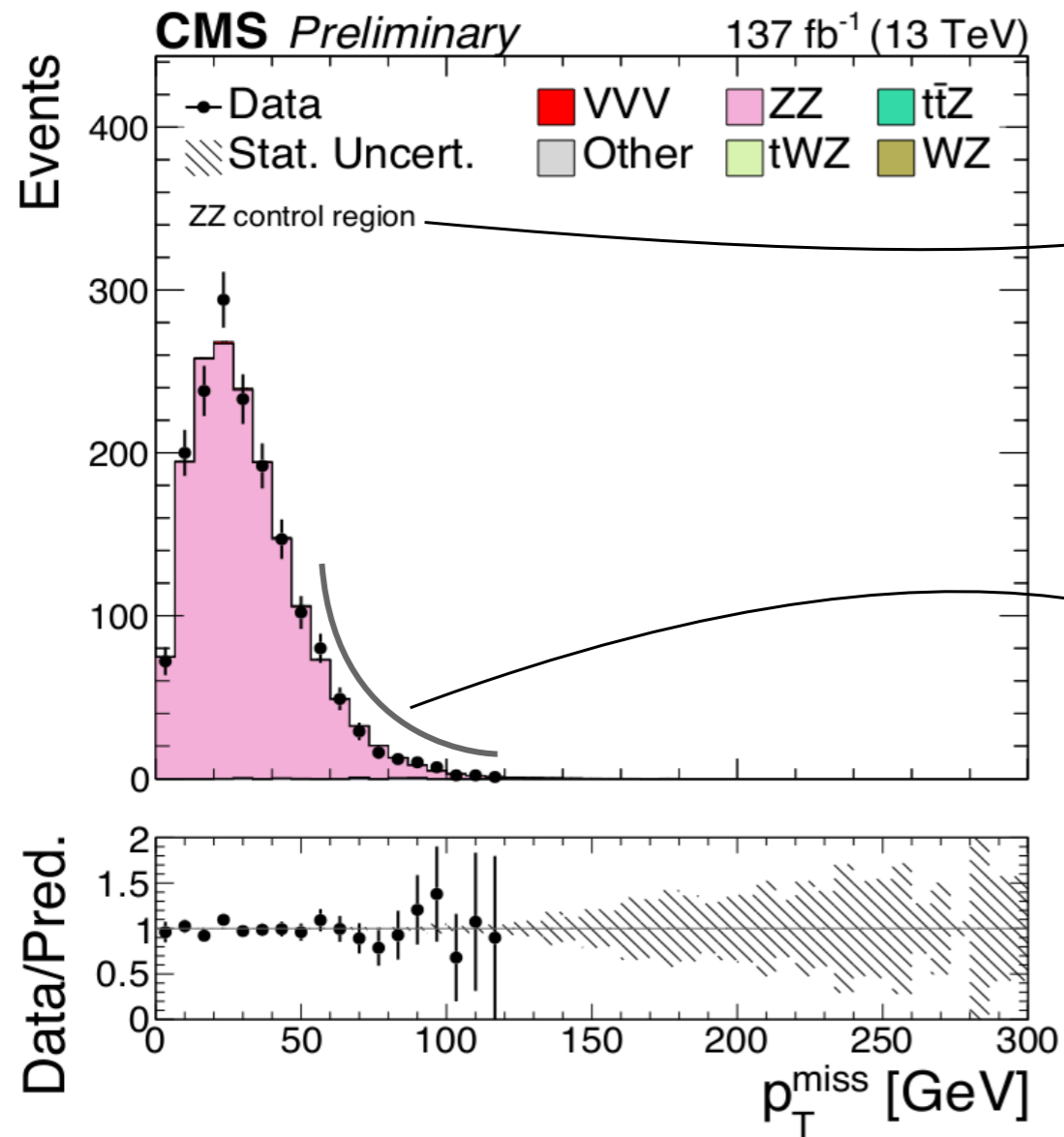
We simulate

$$t\bar{t}W^\pm, t\bar{t}Z \quad (\text{NLO in QCD})$$

$$W^\pm Z jj \quad (\text{LO})$$

Together they yield (after cuts!)  
 $\sim 20\%$  of SM tri-boson (LHC)

# ZZ reducible background MET fit for $pp \rightarrow ZZZ \rightarrow 4\ell + 2\nu$



Control region (2 on-shell Z bosons) in “4 lepton” category of tri-boson search targeting WWZ

Exponential fit to the distribution tail

Auxiliary material of:

[Sirunyan et al \(CMS\). PRL 125 \(2020\) 151802 \[CMS-SMP-19-014\]](#)